

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted supplementary to the previous Amendment and in connection with the interview with the Examiner.

With the present Amendment Claim 1 has been amended as discussed with the Examiner during the personal conference, in particular by stating that the sharp edges of the axially pointed raised areas of the knurling penetrate into the smooth contact faces that are softer.

The Examiner's highly beneficial cooperation during the personal conference has been gratefully acknowledged.

It is hoped that the present application will be allowed with Claim 1, the broadest independent claim as amended, as well as with the dependent claims which depend on it and share its allowable features.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal

respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance; he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,

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